

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of transmitting data in a video signal ~~whereby the data is not recorded by particular video recorders~~, comprising the acts of:

providing the data;
encoding the data;
modifying a predetermined part of the video signal by inserting therein the encoded data; and
transmitting the modified signal;
wherein the predetermined part of the modified signal is not recorded by [[the]]
particular video recorders.

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Claim 2 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined part is in a blanking interval of the video signal.

Claim 3 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein the predetermined part is also below a selected voltage level.

Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined part is above a predetermined frequency.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of receiving data encoded in a modified video signal wherein the data in a predetermined part of the video signal is not recorded by particular video recorders, comprising the acts of:

receiving the modified video signal;
transmitting the video portion of the modified signal;
extracting the encoded data from the modified video signal; and
decoding the extracted data.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An encoder for transmitting data encoded in a video signal
~~whereby the data is not recorded by particular video recorders~~, comprising:

- an input video terminal for receiving a video signal;
 - an input data terminal for receiving the data;
 - a sync separator coupled to the input video terminal;
 - encoding circuitry coupled to the data input terminal and the sync separator, thereby to encode the data; and
 - a summer coupled to the encoding circuitry and the input video terminal, and outputting the video signal having a predetermined part thereof modified by the encoded data;
- wherein the predetermined part of the modified video signal is not recorded by ~~particular video recorders~~ ~~the particular video recorder~~.
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Claim 7 (original): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined part is in a blanking interval of the video signal.

Claim 8 (original): The encoder of Claim 7, wherein the predetermined part is also below a selected voltage level.

Claim 9 (original): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined part is above a predetermined frequency.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A decoder for receiving data in a modified video signal
wherein the data ~~is not recorded by particular video recorders~~ and is encoded into a predetermined portion of the video signal not recorded by particular video recorders, comprising:

- a video input terminal for receiving the modified video signal;
- a video output terminal coupled to the input terminal;
- extraction circuitry having an input terminal coupled to the video input terminal and which extracts the data from the predetermined portion of the modified video signal; and

a data output terminal coupled to the extraction circuitry to output the extracted data.

Claim 11 (new): The method of Claim 1, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 12 (new): The method of Claim 5, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

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Claim 13 (new): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 14 (new): The decoder of Claim 10, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.
